



Pictured during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Roseville Commons housing development on Orange Street in Newark are from left, Stefan Pryor, Newark Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Housing; Newark West Ward Councilman Ronald C. Rice; Marge DellaVecchia, executive director of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency; Monsignor William J. Linder, founder of New Community Corporation; Newark Mayor Cory Booker; Charles Richman, acting commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; Ed Martoglio, head of RPM Development Group; and Mike Meyer, director of Real Estate and Housing Development for the city of Newark.

## **New Community Breaks Ground on New \$14 Million Affordable Housing Development**

**Units will target Special Populations like Homeless Veterans and the Visually Impaired. Building features 'Green Technology'**

New Community Corporation joined officials of RPM Development Group in breaking ground recently on Roseville Commons, a \$14 million, mixed used affordable housing venture that will target special populations such as homeless veterans and the visually impaired.

The five-story, 50-unit, building, to be located at 553-567 Orange Street in the heart of the Roseville Community Revitalization Area, will also feature 'green technology' such as rooftop solar panels.

"This project should really help give new life to the Orange Street corridor," said Monsignor William

J. Linder, founder and CEO of New Community Corporation.

Newark Mayor Cory Booker was among the city and state officials on hand for the September 3 groundbreaking ceremony for Roseville Commons, which is slated for completion in the fall of 2010. The one, two and three bedroom units will be targeted at low and very low income residents and priced between \$475 and \$925 per month. Rental vouchers will be provided for a portion of the units by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the Newark Housing Authority.

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## **PEACE**

*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."*

**Mother Teresa**

*"If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner."*

**Nelson Mandela**

*"Seek peace, and pursue it."*

**Proverbs 34:14, Bible**

*"Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding."*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

*"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love..."*

**A Prayer by Saint Francis of Assisi**

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## Social Investors Say NCC's Commitment To Mission Remains Strong



Sister Pat Millen with the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia greets a patient in New Community's Aging Wisely Wellness Clinic at NCC Associates, a senior building located at 180 South Orange Ave. in Newark.

Social Investors had an opportunity to tour New Community and witness the extensive health care and social services being provided, including an on-site wellness clinic for seniors and transitional housing for homeless families.



Monsignor William J. Linder shown here with Ajamu Kitwana, left, a consultant with the Make it Right Foundation, and Stephen C. Ragan, the foundation's Director of Development and Government Relations. Founded by actor, Brad Pitt, the foundation is interested in supporting affordable housing development and met with Monsignor Linder and senior staff from New Community about what might be possible in Newark.

"This visit enabled me to see how New Community continues to respond to the new challenges before people who have few options. In the midst of this economic crisis, I'd hate to imagine Newark and this region without the resources of New Community," said Patricia A. Daly, OP, executive director of the Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment.

Also a part of the tour were members of The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, led by Nora M. Nash, who is Director of Corporate Responsibility.

"The whole day for me was a very good experience in realizing that we are investing money in a community development program that is both alive and well and which is continuing to minister to the needs of the community," she said.

"I think the quality of the service continues to be one that is mission-driven and you can see NCC is actualizing what they set out to do and what Monsignor set out to do," she added.

Sister Nora said she was particularly impressed by the School of Practical Nursing and the Aging Wisely Wellness Clinics that now operate in two of New Community's senior citizen buildings. The clinics offer residents the services of a nurse practitioner on site, helping them stay healthy and avoid visits to the emergency room. She said New Community's housing, including a 50-unit affordable housing development called Roseville Commons that NCC just broke ground on in early September, is serving a vital need. The tour also included a visit to Harmony House, NCC's 102-unit transitional housing facility for homeless families.

"I think meeting the needs of the people certainly seemed so vital," Sister Nora said. "New Community seemed to be the main source of service to the low income, homeless persons in that whole Central Ward. Who would do it if you weren't doing it?"

The Sisters of St. Francis, a religious community of about 600 plus sisters, have been supporting New Community Corporation since May of 1991. The Tri-State Coalition has also invested in New Community Corporation for many years.

"I was amazed at the level of commitment in every part of the operation," said Sister Patricia.

Monsignor William J. Linder, New Community founder and CEO, said he appreciates the faith these investors have placed in NCC, thanking them for their longtime support.



## **New Community's Essex Valley Visiting Nurse Association Acquired by The Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey**

**New Partnership with state's largest non-profit VNA means expansion of services, adding Hospice Care**

New Community's Essex Valley Visiting Nurse Association will see its services expand into areas like hospice care now that it has been acquired by The Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, the state's largest non-profit provider of home-based nursing services.

In a deal that was finalized in late September 2009, the historically central-jersey-based VNA acquired the home care license formerly held by New Community Corporation and immediately began work with its leaders on a comprehensive service delivery plan serving clients in Essex and Hudson counties.

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey currently provides home health, hospice and community-based care to over 103,000 individuals in nine New Jersey counties, from Somerset to Gloucester. Under the new arrangement, services to be provided by Essex Valley include skilled nursing, rehabilitation, infusion therapy, medical social work, certified home health aides, telehealth monitoring, homemaker/companion and live-in nursing care. Hospice and palliative care will also for the first time be offered by Essex Valley through the new affiliation, which will also give patients greater access to resources such as wellness care, immunization programs, bereavement support, case management for long term care and emergency response systems.

"New Community Corporation and its Essex Valley Visiting Nurse Association are proud to join such a highly respected organization as the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey," said Monsignor William J. Linder, founder and CEO of New Community Corporation.

Mary Ann Christopher, president and CEO of Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, also sees great potential in the new affiliation.

"As the delivery of health care continues to change and as the demand for accessible community-based services continues to grow, the acquisition of this extraordinary VNA will allow our agency to touch many lives for the better in Essex and Hudson counties," she said.

## **ROSEVILLE COMMONS**



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"The New Community Corporation has a long history of supporting our city's growth and transformation, and the groundbreaking of Roseville Commons is yet another step towards building a safer, prouder and stronger Newark," Mayor Booker said.

A total of 5,000 square feet of ground-level retail space will be leased to commercial tenants and another 5,000 square feet of ground level space will be occupied by a community center where a number of social services will be offered.

Developer RPM has committed to setting aside jobs for Newark residents, minority business subcontractors and women.

Funding sources include the New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. Also contributing are the Affordable Housing Program of the Federal Home Loan Bank, the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and HUD HOME funds from the city of Newark.



Newark Mayor Cory Booker and NCC Founder Monsignor William J. Linder at site of Roseville Commons.



## Amelia Gamble Volunteer at NCC's Family Resource Center



When it comes to her passion for helping others, even ill health has not been able to keep Amelia Gamble on the sidelines for long. Last year, she suffered a heart attack and two strokes, but has still somehow managed to recover and return to New Community Corporation and resume doing what she loves best—helping people.

One can find her several days a week volunteering in NCC's Family Resource Center, a one-stop hub of community support located in the NCC Pathmark Shopping Center on Bergen Street. It is here that Gamble, part of the Urban League of Essex County's Mature Worker Program, helps connect people to services ranging from local food pantries and utility assistance programs to computer instruction, including a basic training class for senior citizens.

"I'm not a person to just sit home and look at t.v. I like this type of work," said Gamble, who is still undergoing rehabilitation. "It helps people get on their feet and back into a life of self-sufficiency."

She first came to work for New Community Corporation as an employ-

ee in the mid 1990s, starting out as a life skills instructor who helped welfare recipients become job-ready through NCC's Gateway to Work program.

"I would teach them things like interview techniques and resume writing," she recalled.

Gamble later worked with primarily young men who were enrolled in a building and trades program run by NCC. Her clientele also included students from New Community's School of Culinary Arts, as well as the Youth and Adult Automotive Training Center (YAATC).

"Some of them were very good at what they did... they could get a job, but often couldn't keep it," she explained. "What they had to learn was proper conduct on the job."

Gamble has also worked as a supervisor with NCC's Essex Valley Visiting Nurse Association, where she aided young mothers and their babies. The mothers would learn life skills and parenting skills, which raised their self-esteem. The effort also served as a child abuse prevention tool.

"I have a folder full of thank-you letters and cards. This is what keeps you going, knowing people get it and appreciate what you are doing," said Gamble, who raised a grandson, David Gamble, now a 20-year-old accomplished classical pianist.

Gamble holds a B.A. in sociology from Bloomfield College, where she graduated cum laude, and has also done

graduate work at New Jersey City University.

When she is not working, Gamble serves as the New Jersey facilitator for the Teen Summit 1000 d'Zert Club, part of the African Genesis Corrective History Institute, a proactive, three-semester, educational and cultural program for African American youth. The program culminates in a trip to Africa sponsored by the club.

From her diverse activities, it is clear to see that Gamble has not allowed adversity to stand in the way of her service to others. For this, New Community salutes you!

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To help residents of inner cities improve the quality of their lives to reflect individual, God-given dignity and personal achievement.